

## THE WEEK

Thomas, Norman  
Pers. Stalin, Svetlana

THE ANTICS OF SVETLANA ALLILUYEVA, Stalin's daughter, continue to puzzle. Did she indeed seek political asylum, first in India, then in the United States? Did India in truth turn her down for an undisclosed reason? Was she barred from our door because Washington fears endangering good relations with the Kremlin's current occupants? Or could there be a suspicion that she may not be a *bona fide* defector? All anyone knows for certain is that the lady is reported to be in Switzerland for "a limited stay," and that a reputed CIA agent reputedly escorted her from New Delhi to Rome, then, on a charter flight he reputedly paid for in cash, from Rome to Geneva. Last week, Stalina was scurrying around the Alps dodging reporters, who might dig up a better story in Washington.

NORMAN THOMAS' FIRST REACTION on hearing that everyone else was now in on the secret and that the Institute for International Labor Research—Norman Thomas, kingpin—was CIA-supported, was to insist he was not familiar with the financial details. Where 90% of the annual budget came from, he had never asked, apparently. Thomas' pose of innocence would be more convincing had he not engaged in dispute with the *Richmond News-Leader* in October 1965—eighteen months before the CIA flap—on the Institute, its finances, its ties with CIA, its involvement in the attempt to foist Juan Bosch on the Dominican Republic. The title of the *News-Leader* editorial on the subject was: "Norman Thomas: CIA Agent."